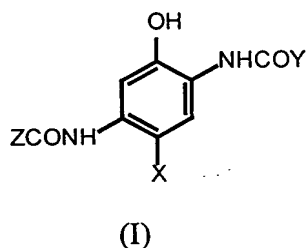


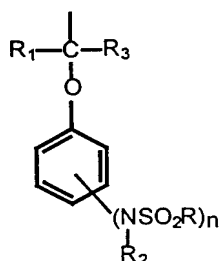
ABSTRACT
PHOTOGRAPHIC COUPLERS HAVING IMPROVED IMAGE DYE
LIGHT STABILITY

There is provided a photographic element comprising at least one silver
5 halide emulsion layer having associated therewith a novel phenolic cyan dye-
forming coupler of formula (I)



wherein

10 X is hydrogen or a group that can be split off by the reaction of the coupler
with an oxidised colour developing agent, and
one of Y and Z is the group



wherein

15 each R is independently an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or aryl group or a
5-10 membered heterocyclic ring which contains one or more heteroatoms selected from
nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted;

R₁ is hydrogen or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or aryl group,

20 R₂ is an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or aryl group or a 5-10 membered
heterocyclic ring which contains one or more heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen
and sulfur, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted;

R₃ is hydrogen or an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or aryl group,

n is 1 or 2, and

the other of Y and Z is an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or aryl group or a

5-10 membered heterocyclic ring which contains one or more heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted.

The couplers for use in the element of the invention yield cyan images of good hue, with good stability to heat, humidity and light, whilst retaining the other properties desirable for good photographic performance.

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